# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:9
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
OPENING OF NEW KARGIL LIKE FRONTS BY PAKISTAN
RATTAN LAL KATARIA;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of new developments noticed on Indo-Pak borders in the recent past;

(b) whether the Pakistani Military Planners are reported to have directed big mercenary groups to cut off Jammu-Srinagar and Jammu-Poonch highways in a bid to isolate troops stationed on the Line of Control;

(c) whether the Government are also aware of the media reports regarding Pakistani intention of opening new Kargil like fronts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to meet the threat posed by Pakistan ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 9 FOR 24.2.2000.

Government are aware of certain readjustments and reinforcements of Pakistani troops on the Line of Control and in the Sir Creek area. Movement of certain reserve formations from their permanent locations has also been reported. While active support and sponsorship of terrorism by Pakistan continues, there are no specific reports to corroborate the directions referred to in part (b) of the question.

The Government are aware of Media reports regarding the Pakistani intention of opening new Kargil like fronts.Our troops have been alerted and are vigilant to effectively counter any such Pakistani threat. Additional troops have been inducted into J&K and are kept ready to react to any misadventure, Pakistan may undertake along the Border in J&K.Similar action has been undertaken along the rest of the border including the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.